IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

v.

ANIBAL MENDEZ-HERNANDEZ, ET AL Defendants.

CRIMINAL NO. 99-161(DRD)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS THE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO THE CASE

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, the United States of America, by its attorneys and very respectfully states and prays as follows:

1. That as of July 9, 2004, AUSA David Rivera is not the Assistant U.S. Attorney responsible for the prosecution of the above referenced case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Honorable Court take notice of the foregoing and grant the withdrawal of AUSA David Rivera as the attorney responsible for the prosecution of the instant case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

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In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 2nd day of February, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to counsel(s) for each of the defendant(s).

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 2nd day of February, 2005.

s/Sonia I. Torres Assistant U.S. Attorney